

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1-7. (Withdrawn)

8. (Currently amended)      ~~A graphical user interface (“GUI”)~~ An apparatus to enable a user to manage data replication policies, the apparatus comprising:

a graphical user interface to output to the user a representation of contents of a data structure containing a plurality of data replication relationships being implemented by a plurality of storage servers, the representation of the data structure~~graphical user interface~~ being configured to enable a the user to apply at least one of a plurality of replication policies to each data replication relationship; and

a policy cloning tool to allow the user to select one of the plurality of replication policies and to automatically clone the selected replication policy, wherein the cloned replication policy has the same~~identical~~ attributes as to the selected replication policy, but a different name; and

a relationship manager to allow the user to apply the cloned replication policy to a selected one or more of the plurality of data replication relationships.

9. (Currently amended)      ~~The GUI apparatus~~ of claim 8, further comprising a policy editor to enable the user to rename the cloned replication policy.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus GUI of claim 9, wherein the policy editor further enables the user to change any attributes of the cloned replication policy.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus GUI of claim 9, wherein the policy editor further enables the user to create additional replication policies.

12. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

displaying a representation of a data structure to a user, the data structure containing a plurality of data replication relationships being implemented by a plurality of storage servers;

allowing the user to apply at least one of a plurality of replication policies to each data replication relationship displayed in the data structure;

allowing the user to select at least one of the plurality of replication policies;

~~providing a policy cloning tool to~~ allowing the user operable to clone the selected replication policy, wherein the cloned replication policy has the same attributes as identical attributes to the selected replication policy, but a different name; and

allowing the user to apply the cloned replication policy to a selected one or more of the plurality of data replication relationships.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising allowing the user to rename the cloned replication policy.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising allowing the user to change any attributes of the cloned replication policy.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising allowing the user to create additional replication policies.

16-21. (Withdrawn)